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1. About January 1950 a Soviet border guard commissar approached an Iranian accredited border guard commissar for the Dash Burun (E54°46' N37°37') area and claimed that the Iranian-Soviet border line between Naftli Ja (E54°12' N37°13') and Sanger Tepeh (E54°22' N37°21') lay a few meters south of the present line (within territory presently held by the Iranians). The Iranians rejected the claim.
2. However, with the consent of the Chief of the Iranian Border Guards, the Soviet and Iranian commissars agreed to mark the present border by two parallel rows of dirt mounds. These mounds, about three feet in height, now line the border at intervals of 100 to 200 feet, in rows about 30 feet apart. (The border line from Naftli Ja running west to the Caspian Sea is marked by a single row of mounds four feet high and about 1000 meters apart, with a post planted on the apex of each mound.) The line marked by the two rows of mounds starts about 800 meters northwest of Naftli Ja, runs immediately north of Naftli Ja, passes about 300 feet north of an Iranian watch-tower, and continues east to a point opposite Sanger Tepeh.
3. The agreement is strictly oral; no documents have been signed; and the respective Governments are not involved. No incidents have occurred in this section since the line was thus drawn (nor for several years previously), although the agreement covers a section of the border which in the past had been the scene of several incidents.

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